(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of 'b' above, does not arise.

Demand of Food Processing Units

5701. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food processing units have been demanding to consider processed fruits and vegetables at par with fresh fruits and vegetables; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) All India Food Preservers Association has been proposing changes in taxation structure in fruit and vegetable processing industries along with the demand to consider processed fruit and vegetables at par with fresh fruit and vegetables.

(b) These suggestions are being examined and appropriate action will be taken.

Sickness in Food and Vegetable Processing Industries

5702. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sickness in the fruit and vegetable processing industries is increasing day by day;

(b) the number of such industries which have become sick during each of the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to remove sickness in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Public Sector undertakings in Gujarat

5703. SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new industries under the Public Sector in Gujarat during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places where such industries are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details of the projects proposed to be set up in the Central Public Sector in Gujarat are given below:

(i) Butadiene Extraction Plant Revamp, Vadodara (anticipated Cost Rs. 33.53 crores).

(ii) PBR Plant (50000 tpa) Vadodara (anticipated cost Rs. 114.52 crores).

(iii) Poly Propylene plant (75000 tpa) Vadodara (anticipated cost Rs. 198.63 crores).

(iv) Gas based integrated petrochemicals cracker complex (300000 tpa ethylene), Gandhar.